

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
POLICE OFFICER RUTH ZINN, STAR # 17975,) CASE #04-2550
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, CITY OF CHICAGO,)
) C. R. # 272300
RESPONDENT.)

FINDINGS & DECISION

On May 20, 2004, the Superintendent of Police filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago, seeking the separation of Police Officer **RUTH ZINN**, Star # 17975, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent" for violating the following rules:

Rule 6: "Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral."

Rule 24: "Failure to follow medical roll procedures."

Rule 28: "Being absent from duty without proper authorization."

The Police Board of the City of Chicago caused a hearing on these charges against Police Officer **RUTH ZINN** to be had before **JACQUELINE A. WALKER**, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago on January 27, 2005, March 4, 2005 and March 17, 2005.

Following the hearing, members of the Police Board read and reviewed the certified transcription of the proceedings of the hearing and viewed the videotapes of the hearing. **JACQUELINE A. WALKER**, Hearing Officer, made a report and conferred with the Police Board before it rendered a decision.

As a result of the foregoing, the Police Board of the City of Chicago finds and determines that:

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1. The Respondent was, at all times mentioned herein, a Police Officer employed by the Department of Police of the City of Chicago;
2. The charges were filed, in writing, and a Notice, stating the time, date and place, when and where a hearing of the charges was to be held, together with a copy of the original charges, were served upon the Respondent more than five (5) days prior to the hearing on the charges;
3. Throughout the hearing, the Respondent did appear in person and was represented by counsel.
4. The Respondent, Police Officer **RUTH ZINN**, Star # 17975, as charged herein, is guilty of violating, to wit:
Rule 6: "Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral", in the following instances:
 - A) On or about June 1, 2001, she disobeyed an order given by Sergeant Daniel Simon, when she failed to report to Area Two Firearms Range for mandatory Firearms Training Program, in violation of Department Special Order 01-02, Section II.A., and/or Section III. D and/or Department Special Order 01-02-03 Section III.
 - B) On or about June 11, 2001, she disobeyed an order given by Sergeant Daniel Simon, when she failed to report to the Medical Services Section.
 - C) On or about June 12, 2001, she disobeyed an order given by Sergeant Daniel Simon, when she failed to report to the Medical Services Section.

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- D) On or about June 14, 2001 through June 21, 2001, or some period of time therein, she failed to follow procedures for requesting a Leave of Absence, thereby violating General Order 94-05-07, Section I.A.
5. The Respondent Police Officer **RUTH ZINN**, Star # 17975, as charged herein, is guilty of violating, to wit:

RULE 24: "Failure to follow medical roll procedures", in that:

On or about June 2001, she failed to telephone or report to the Medical Services Section on the second day of a medical absence, as required by General Order 98-02-02A, Section III.

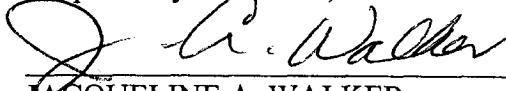
6. The Respondent Police Officer **RUTH ZINN**, Star # 17975, as charged herein, is guilty of violating, to wit:

RULE 28: "Being absent from duty without proper authorization", in that:

On or about June 8, 2001 through June 13, 2001, on one or more occasions, she was absent without appropriate authorization and/or permission.

BY REASON of the findings of fact and guilt herein, cause exists for the suspension of Respondent, Police Officer **RUTH ZINN**, Star # 17975, from the Department of Police and from the services of the City of Chicago from May 26, 2004 to and including June 24, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,


JACQUELINE A. WALKER
Hearing Officer

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DECISION

The members of the Police Board, having read and reviewed the certified transcription of the hearing, having viewed the videotapes of the hearing, having received the oral report of the Hearing Officer, JACQUELINE A. WALKER, and having conferred with the Hearing Officer on the credibility of the witnesses and the evidence, hereby adopt all findings herein; and, in reaching its decision as to the penalty imposed, the Board has taken into account not only the facts of this case but also the Respondent's complimentary and disciplinary history, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent, Police Officer **RUTH ZINN**, Star # 17975, as a result of having been found **guilty** of the charges in Police Board Case No. 04-2550, is hereby **suspended** from her position as a Police Officer, and from the services of the City of Chicago, from 26 May 2004 to and including 24 June 2004 (30 days).

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS
28th **DAY OF April**, 2005.

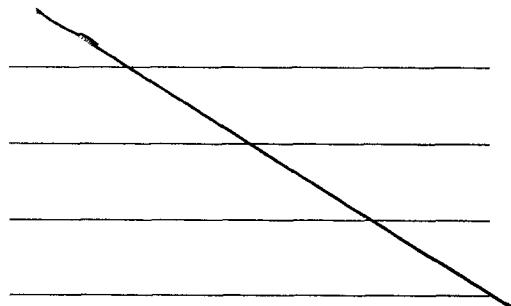
Kathy Davis
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Patricia Cobb
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Max A Cannon
Executive Director
Police Board

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DISSENT

The following members of the Police Board hereby dissent from the decision of the majority of the Board in Police Board Case No. 04-2550.



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THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2005.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
RECORDS SECTION

22 February 2002

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER UNIT 121

FROM: RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

SUBJECT: PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY RECORD OF:

ZINN RUTH 17975 045/167
NAME (LAST, FIRST M.I.) STAR UNIT

F W _____
SEX RACE S.S.N.

REFERENCE: COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER(S) 272300

THE PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY RECORD OF THE SUBJECT ACCUSED HAS
BEEN REQUESTED IN YOUR NAME BY:

PO HALLMAN 2865 121G
RANK NAME STAR S.S.N. UNIT

RELATIVE TO A SUSTAINED FINDING IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE
ABOVE REFERENCED COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER.

THE RECORDS SECTION, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, DISCLOSES THE
FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTION(S) ADMINISTERED TO THE
SUBJECT ACCUSED FOR THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS.

VERIFIED/PREPARED BY:

P.O. K. CALAHAN
FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER
RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

NONE

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FUNCTION:

SSN [REDACTED]	EMP # 133590	NAME ZINN	RUTH	C TITLE 9161	TOTAL
			MONTH AND YEAR RECEIVED		
JR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	/	/	/	/	0
RICHARD J DALEY AWARD	/	/	/	/	0
POLICE MEDAL	/	/	/	/	0
SUPT AWARD VALOR	/	/	/	/	0
SUPT AWARD MERIT	/	/	/	/	0
POLICE BLUE STAR	/	/	/	/	0
OFFICER OF THE MONTH	/	/	/	/	0
UNIT MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCE	/	/	/	/	0
LAMBERT TREE	/	/	/	/	0
CARTER HARRISON	/	/	/	/	0
WGN AWARD	/	/	/	/	0
HONORED POLICE STAR	/	/	/	/	0
LIFE SAVING AWARD	/	/	/	/	0
HUNDRED CLUB MEDAL OF VALOR	/	/	/	/	0
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FUNCTION:

SSN [REDACTED]	EMP # 133590	NAME ZINN	RUTH	C	TITLE 9161	
			MONTH AND YEAR RECEIVED			TOTAL
SPECIAL COMMENDATION		/	/	/	/	0
PARTNERSHIP AWARD		/	/	/	/	0
SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD		/	/	/	/	0
PROBLEM SOLVING AWARD		/	/	/	/	0
DEPT COMMENDATION 000	AWARDS NUMBER	1	2	3		
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OTHER AWARDS						

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